Section: 15303 & 15304

State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

Sierra District Headquarters

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PROJECT TITLE: Sawmill Road and Country Club Drive Fuelbreak Maintenance

LOCATION: Washoe Meadows State Park & Lake Valley State Recreation Area

COUNTY: El Dorado

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct forest thinning and hazard fuel reduction on 22 acres in Washoe Meadows State Park and Lake Valley State Recreation Area to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and improve native forest composition and structure. Work will manually forest thin, chip, and pile burn 19 acres along Sawmill Road and 3 acres near the end of Country Club drive. Operation of crew vehicles will be limited along existing roads; install or maintain Best Management Practices to control erosion on dirt roads. Cut poles from lodgepole pine to construct a zig-zag fence along the newly constructed Sawmill bike path.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction and location of limited number of new small structures listed as "installation of fencing" and the minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR§ 15300.4.

Class: 3.4

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